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SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF SY/FSL/CONTRACT EMPLOYEES TO FSLE (PERMANENT)

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1. NEA AND SY MOST SYMPATHETIC TO POST'S REQUEST IN REF (A) TO ESTABLISH SIX FSL POSITIONS FOR A PERMANENT PROTECTIVE DETAIL. UNFORTUNATELY, NEITHER NEA NOR SY HAVE ANY LOCAL POSITIONS TO GIVE OUT NOR IS THERE AN EXCESS IN ANY OTHER BUREAU. REF (B) GIVES THE GRIM PICTURE ON POSITIONS WORLDWIDE.

2. WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE RENEWED REPRESENTATIONS TO M, BUT IN MEANTIME WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTIONS TO FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS. ONE OF SEVERAL WAYS OF MEETING YOUR REQUIREMENT WOULD BE FOR POST TO REPROGRAM ITS
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LOCAL POSITIONS ON THE BASIS OF WHERE IT PLACES ITS PRIORITIES. FOR INSTANCE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH POSITIONS 817, 819, 821, 837, 856 AND 803 MIGHT WELL BE PROVIDED BY CONTRACT THEREBY GENERATING POSITIONS FOR THE PROTECTIVE DETAIL.

3. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO HAVE THE CONTRACT GUARDS

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RETURN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MILITARY/POLICE UNITS AND THEN BE SECONDED TO THE EMBASSY ON EITHER A GRATIS OR A REIMBURSEABLE BASIS. PERHAPS THE EMBASSY COULD WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THESE MEN ON A REIMBURSEABLE BASIS WITH THE EMBASSY PAYING THE HOST GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR SALARIES, ETC. PLUS A QUOTE BONUS UNQUOTE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE DETAIL WHICH COULD BE PASSED THROUGH THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. THIS QUOTE BONUS UNQUOTE COULD BE SOME SORT OF HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT MIGHT APPEAL TO THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AS THEY WOULD BE EXERCISING THEIR RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVIDING PROTECTION BUT WE WOULD BE PAYING THE COSTS THEREOF. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD ALSO BE ATTRACTIVE FROM OUR STANDPOINT AS WE WOULD NOT BE FACED WITH TRYING TO INTEGRATE THE SECURITY DETAIL INTO REGULAR EMBASSY ACTIVITIES AT SOME FUTURE, INDEFINITE, INDETERMINABLE TIME WHEN THEIR SPECIALIZED SKILLS WOULD (HOPEFULLY) NO LONGER BE NEEDED.

4. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR THE EMBASSY TO QUOTE SWEETEN UNQUOTE ITS CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE DETAIL MEMBERS TO PERSUADE THEM TO STICK WITH US IN AN ADMITTEDLY UN-TENURED POSITION. CHRISTOPHER

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